

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday January 15, 2015
Time	8:00am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Chris Crowder, Scott Jackson, Anthony Johnson, Spencer Larsen, Judge James Michie, Van Nguyen, Troy Rawlings, and Chris Roach
Members Excused	Patrick Garcia, Gini Highfield, Nindy Le, Brent Platt, Shirlee Silversmith, and Pam Vickrey
Members Absent	Rachael Skidmore
Staff	Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen Visitors:
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Spencer Larsen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Judge Michie made the motion to approve the November meeting minutes with one correction. Van Nguyen seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Elections/Membership
Notes	<p>Spencer Larsen as chair-elect assumed the position of Chair, which term began October 2014. The UBJJ Executive Committee acts as the nominating committee and has nominated the following: Scott Jackson for Chair Elect, Judge Michie for Post-Adjudicated Committee Vice-chair, Troy Rawlings for Pre-Adjudicated Committee Vice-chair, Gini Highfield for Title V Vice-chair/legislative liaison, Van Nguyen for DMC Committee Vice-chair and Nindy Le for Youth Committee Vice-chair. Chris Roach is the new replacement for Donovan Bergstrom representing JJS assigned to the Pre-Adjudicated Committee. If approved, nominees will serve as members of the Executive Committee and their year-term as indicated. Judge Michie made the motion to elect all as listed. Chris Roach seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Cuong presented the curriculum vitae of Dr. Matthew V. Davies. Dr. Davies has been recommended by Dr. Jim Marchel (former Board member) and Judge Michie, to serve on the Board as a mental health profession representative. Dr. Davies runs a private practice on Family, Adolescent, and Child Treatment Services and is a Consulting Psychologist for the Third District Juvenile Court. Judge Michie made the motion to forward Dr. Davies curriculum vitae to the Governor in consideration for appointment as a representative for juvenile mental health on the Board. Chris Roach seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Troy Rawlings will make contact with local-elected officials to join UBJJ. Judge Michie will contact Salt Lake County Councilwoman Jenny Wilson and Chris Roach will inquire of the northern counties. Cuong will work on filling the law enforcement vacancy position. Spencer has reminded the Board of the need to diversify geographic representation as much as possible while understanding time and travel constraints of potential board members.</p>
Agenda Item	Grants Review and Approval (tape 30:00)
Notes	<p>Title V Delinquency Prevention Grant –</p> <p>Ogden City's gang prevention project was terminated due to various administrative reasons. Ogden City Police Department has submitted a new proposal to spend the remainder of the 2011 Title V funding (\$47,500). The new proposal includes training a select group of officers on "Effective Police Interaction with Youth", providing at-risk youth with pro-social behavior activities during the summer, by enrolling 160 youth in athletic, music, recreation programs, and conduct a site visit to a progressive nationally studied juvenile justice system site and introducing these progressive alternative programs to stakeholders (schools, police, juvenile corrections, prosecutors and the local mental health authority) that will lead to the development of new programs in Weber County. Judge Michie proposed as a condition for approval that they will make a presentation to the Board on what was learned and developed as result of the site visit. Pat Berckman made the motion to approve the grant funding with Judge Michie's conditions.</p>

	<p>Scott Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Cuong requested approval of the 2014 Title II funding in the amount of \$55,803.61 for the UCJC – UBJJ Outcome Evaluation of three programs, RRI Data analysis, and maintenance of the RAPIT Tool and Yellow Pages. Judge Michie made the motion to approve the allocation and assign Cuong to work with UCJC to reduce the total amount if possible before signing the contract. In addition, Cuong will arrange a meeting with UCJC and executive members to discuss future projects. Anthony Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Cuong noted the Title II budget as follows: 2011 Board funding has \$8,844 left to be spent by June 30. 2012 funding has \$2,435 left unallocated and should be spent by September 30. 2013 funding has \$40,206 unallocated. 2014 has approximately \$67,411 unallocated. The Board previously approved exploration of funding opportunities for a Native American youth program. Cuong is working with board member Shirlee Silversmith to determine which Tribal Nation to consider.</p>
Agenda Item	DMC Subcommittee Report (tape 46:00)
Notes	<p>DMC held their annual meeting in December. Jennifer Yim facilitated the meeting and highlighted five items that they thought were most important to DMC issues and constituted priority areas for the committee. Each participant (staff and facilitator excluded) rated their areas of priority. The ranked priorities and explanations are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue the Salt Lake County Arrest and Referral Implementation Project. The committee would like to complete this project, evaluate it, and if successful, consider expansion of it to other counties in Utah. 2. Increase culturally-sensitive diversion options. The committee focused on a range of activities, depending on the availability of funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing awareness of existing resources, • Increasing usage of existing resources, such as youth court, and • Creating new programs for more targeted groups of youth to better meet specific needs and avoid risk-level mixing. 3. Legal representation. The committee would like to conduct an evaluation of how the lack of legal representation affects minority youth, including a literature review and an analysis of data to determine if, for example, certain offenses more commonly lack representation, whether the data currently collected allows for full analysis, and whether the issue varies by locality. The committee also discussed the importance of legal representation by those experienced in juvenile court proceedings. 4. Filling data gaps. The committee sees this issue as an ongoing priority for DMC. Two areas for continued work are arrest data from law enforcement and pre-arrest data (e.g., school violations, community based organization data). The data collected by SL Youth Courts was a potential source for some of this pre-arrest data. 5. Blended sentencing. This item was of interest to committee members but thought to be likely primarily for informational purposes, both in terms of learning more about the potential DMC impact and for the committee having a voice in potential future legislation. <p>Eight candidates will be interviewed on Jan. 16th for the DMC Coordinator position. Ron, Dave, Spencer, Pat, Maria, and Cuong serve on the interview panel.</p>
Agenda Item	DtWT Committee Report (tape 53:00)
Notes	<p>Van reported that 258 essays were received in December and will be scored soon. Scoring will be done at three colleges next week. The Board will receive essays from the top 90 on time this year. The awards luncheon is scheduled for April 24, 2015 at the West Jordan Library, Viridian Event Center.</p>
Agenda Item	2015 Legislative Update (tape 1:14)

Notes	2015 Legislative Review meetings will be held every Monday beginning Jan. 12, 2015. The Utah Legislative Session starts Jan. 26, 2015. Two bills thus far which may have an implication to impact youth are HB 68 - Student Privacy Act and HB 79 - Safety Belt Law Amendments. The Board has not taken a position and is requesting more information. Executive members are encouraged to sign up for these Monday meetings. Board members may access the CCJJ Legislative Tracking website for up-to-date information at www.justice.utah.gov .
Agenda Item	Annual Meeting Follow-up Discussion
Notes	Due to time constraints, this agenda item will be moved to the February meeting.
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled from 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Thursday, February 19, 2015, at the Division of Youth Services 177 W. Price Ave (3610 South).

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